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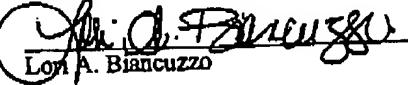
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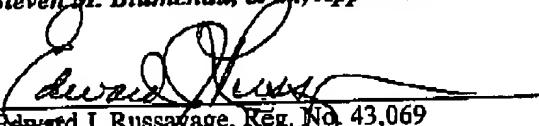
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**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER  
TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated July 17, 2001 of the Examiner finally rejecting claims 1-32.

The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Appeal Fee of \$320.00 to Deposit Account No. 23/2825. If for any reason the fee is insufficient, please charge the balance to our Deposit Account 23/2825. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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